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GENERAL ORDER 1L

TITLE. COVID-19 Mitigation Measures for Personnel within the Authority of the Commander, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum

AUTHORITY. 10 U.S.C Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order No. 2008.01, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 11 March 2008; DoD 6200.03 (Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD) 28 March 2019; 50 U.S.C. § 797; 18 U.S.C. § 1382, 42 C.F.R. §70-71; Army Regulation (AR) 27-10 (Military Justice), 20 November 2020; and Fort Drum Regulation 27-10 (Military Justice), 27 June 2019.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to (1) individuals subject to military orders and stationed, assigned, and/or attached to Fort Drum; and (2) U.S. Government civilian employees as indicated. This order supersedes all prior orders on the matters addressed herein.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. Prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce transmission of the disease of COVID-19. Restrictions on certain activities are essential to the readiness of the force. It is critical for Service Members (SM) to maintain readiness at all times under these conditions.

2. TERMS.

- a. An <u>unvaccinated person</u> either has not received the COVID-19 vaccine, or has received the final dose within the past 14 days and is not considered fully vaccinated.
- b. A <u>vaccinated person</u> IAW the CDC, is defined as 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's vaccine. See CDC website for further information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinatedguidance.html. Administration of an additional primary dose or a booster dose is not required to be considered fully vaccinated for public health purposes at this time. Additional information on booster shots can be found on the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html.
- c. A close contact is defined as Face-to-Face contact within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) or within the room or care area (e.g. healthcare personnel, household members) for 15 minutes or greater, in one exposure or cumulatively over a 24 hour

period, while not wearing the recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e., gowns, gloves, respiratory mask or face covering, eye protection, etc.); or having direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing the recommended personal protective equipment (noted above). Brief personal interactions such as walking past another person are considered low risk and do not constitute close contact. The contact trace teams will determine if an individual is a close contact.

d. A <u>restriction of movement</u> (ROM), per DoDI 6200.3, is defined as limited movement of an individual or group to prevent or diminish the transmission of a communicable disease. Quarantine, isolation, and conditional release are types of ROM that can be imposed in certain circumstances by a military commander for individuals within the scope of the commander's authority.

e. The standards for ROM are:

- (1) Restrict movement to a residence or other appropriate domicile.
- (2) Limit close contact (i.e., within 6 feet) with others, including family members and/or roommates.
- (3) Consider ROM location as an official duty location. SM on ROM are considered on duty and will conduct activities IAW unit guidance during the duty day.
- (4) Self-monitor for temperature [twice a day to check for fever (over 100.4 F)], cough, or difficulty breathing as described by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-whensick.html. If symptoms of COVID-19 develop during the self-monitoring period, self-isolate immediately, further limit contact with others, notify the chain of command or supervisor, and seek advice by telephone or other authorized communication from the appropriate healthcare provider to determine whether medical evaluation is needed.
- f. <u>Quarantine</u> is the separation of an individual or group that has been exposed to a communicable disease, but not yet diagnosed with COVID-19, from others who have not been exposed, in such a manner and place to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease (see DODI 6200.3, glossary g.2). In the context of COVID-19, this is an individual who is asymptomatic for COVID-19, but was potentially exposed to COVID-19 due to close contact exposure or from high risk travel.
- g. <u>Isolation</u> is the separation of an individual or group infected or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease from those who are healthy in such a place and manner to prevent the spread of the communicable disease (see DODI 6200.3, glossary g.2). In the context of COVID-19, this is an individual who has developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19,

and is placed into isolation. Fully vaccinated individuals who become symptomatic and test positive will be placed in Isolation. Unvaccinated family members or dependents who reside with a SM in isolation should remain in quarantine as defined by paragraph 2f. Unvaccinated SM who reside with a person who becomes COVID+ will remain in quarantine as defined by paragraph 2f. Public Health Officials monitor individuals in isolation and are the only release authority.

h. <u>Community Transmission</u> is assessed as one of four categories: "Low," "Moderate," "Substantial," and "High." Fort Drum's level of community transmission will be the level assessed for Jefferson County, NY. This estimate can be found at https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view. Due to fluctuations in the local area's COVID-19 positive population, a 14 consecutive day case rate will be used to consider down grading to a moderate or low level stance. Mask wear guidance can be found in the COVID-19 Leaders Guide (Appendix I). The COVID-19 Leaders Guide and the current level of community transmission can be found on the Fort Drum webpage, https://home.army.mil/drum/index.php/about/Garrison/public-affairs/coronavirus-update.

3. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

- a. <u>Face Masks</u>. See Appendix I. Face mask policies apply to all personnel on Fort Drum, including Service Members, Family Members, civilians, contractors, and visitors.
- b. Enforcement of Standards. Enforcement of standards to prevent spread of COVID-19 is the responsibility of every leader and individual. Leaders are expected to ensure Soldiers are following policies regarding mask wear and restriction of movement.
- c. <u>Symptoms</u>. Individuals should immediately report COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, and unexplained loss of taste or smell) to their chain of command and medical personnel, IAW unit sick call SOPs. Individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should avoid contact with others until evaluated by a medical professional.
- 4. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT, TRAVEL, OFFICIAL VISITATION, AND TESTING.
 - a. <u>Deployment and Redeployment</u>.
- (1) IAW Force Health Protection Guidance supplement 16.1, Soldiers and DA Civilians deploying outside the United States and redeploying back to the United States will be tested for COVID-19 one to three days before departure via commercial or military airlift and three to five days after return to the U.S. Soldiers and DA Civilians must maintain proof of the negative test result or medical clearance during deployment travel. SECARMY withholds the authority to waive pre-travel testing for official travel,

deployment, and redeployment. Appendix J: Redeployment Flow Chart from XVIII Airborne Corps also outlines redeployment protocols.

- (2) IAW Force Health Protection Supplement 16.1, all personnel who are fully vaccinated are not required to undergo viral testing prior to deployment from the U.S. to a foreign country, and are not required to conduct a pre- or post-travel ROM. All personnel will continue to adhere to Geographic Combatant Command and Host Nation requirements.
- (3) Soldiers and DA Civilians redeploying to the United States from or through a foreign country will undergo a mandatory ROM upon arrival at their destination. Travelassociated ROM is 10 days without testing, or 7 days with a negative SARS-COV-2 test within 48 hours prior to the end of the 7-day ROM. Vaccinated Soldiers who redeploy following a negative COVID-19 test are not required to ROM but will still test three to five days after arrival to CONUS.
- (4) Unit commanders will ensure that deploying individuals are appropriately screened at the assigned place of duty or point of embarkation. At a minimum, this screening will consist of an assessment of exposure history, a temperature check, a check for COVID-19 signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, chills, rigors, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new smell and taste disorders, coughing, or shortness of breath), and review of any past COVID-19 testing results. An evaluation by a healthcare provider, including COVID-19 diagnostic testing, will be completed for individuals with a fever or who indicate any affirmative responses to the screening questions.

b. Other official travel.

- (1) Fully vaccinated individuals are not restricted from official travel, both domestic and international. Individuals (Military, Civilian, or Contractor) who are unvaccinated or decline to provide information regarding vaccination status are limited to mission-critical official travel, both domestic and international. Mission-critical is determined by the Under Secretary of the Army.
- (2) ALL XVIII ABN CORPS travelers must read and comply with FHPG Supplement 20 (Appendix K), for testing and ROM guidance for specific travel guidance other than deployment and redeployment.
- (3) For COVID-19 unvaccinated SMs and DA Civilians who have traveled outside of the local area within the United States and its territories, commanders or supervisors will determine if a ROM is necessary based on the risk level of the area traveled to and any risk mitigation measures taken. If the risk-based screening indicates that a ROM is necessary, the ROM will be performed at a location determined by the command and IAW all applicable DOD and service guidance. If ROM is necessary,

travel-associated ROM will be 10 days without testing, or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours prior to the end of the 7-day ROM.

- (4) IAW Force Health Protection Supplement 20, all personnel, to include vaccinated personnel, will be tested 3 to 5 days after arrival into the U.S. from a foreign country. If personnel are tested at day 5 after arrival, that test may also be used to satisfy the testing requirement for reducing ROM to 7 day. To reduce ROM to 7 days, travelers must have a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the end of ROM.
- (5) The post-COVID-19 retesting exemption profile is used to exempt Soldiers from retesting for 90 days from onset of symptoms or first positive test (if asymptomatic), and will also clear soldiers for all official travel, including overseas and deployments, without additional testing for 90 days provided they remain symptom-free.
 - c. Leave, pass, and other off duty travel.
- (1) See Appendix B for Leave and Pass approval authorities. Leaders will counsel unvaccinated Soldiers using Appendix C prior to travel.
- (2) For COVID-19 unvaccinated SMs who have traveled outside of the local area within the United States and its territories, commanders or supervisors will determine if a ROM is necessary based on the risk level of the area traveled to and any risk mitigation measures taken. If the risk-based screening indicates that a ROM is necessary, the ROM will be performed at a location determined by the command and IAW all applicable DOD and service guidance. If ROM is necessary, travel-associated ROM will be 10 days without testing, or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours prior to the end of the 7-day ROM.
- (3) IAW Force Health Protection Supplement 20, all personnel, to include vaccinated personnel, will be tested 3 to 5 days after arrival into the United States from a foreign country.

d. Official visitation.

- (1) Official visitors to Fort Drum are required to certify their COVID-19 vaccination status or submit a negative test result. This requirement applies to:
- (a) all non-DoD contractors and civilians who need access to DoD buildings for meetings or other official business
 - (2) This requirement does not apply to:
 - (a) Service Members and their Families

- (b) Civilian employees
- (c) Retirees
- (d) Visitors to on-post residences.
- (e) Contractors who have business on post, but do not require access to DoD buildings, such as moving companies, delivery, and transportation services.
- (f) Personnel accessing DoD facilities to receive a public benefit (e.g. commissary, exchange, public museum, medical treatment facility, or MWR resources).
- (3) Individuals other than visitors seeking access to facilities located on the installation but operated by other Federal Departments and Agencies will follow the policies and procedures of that other Department or Agency. Visitors to facilities operated by other Federal Departments and Agencies will follow applicable policies and procedures of both DoD and the Department or Agency they are visiting.
- (4) Official visitors will complete DD Form 3150, Certification of Vaccination, at the Visitor Control Center prior to being granted entry to the installation. Official visitors will maintain a copy of this form when visiting a federal facility. If an official visitor is not vaccinated, or declines to voluntarily disclose their vaccination status, they are required to submit a paper or electronic copy of a negative COVID-19 test that was administered within 72 hours prior to accessing a DoD facility. Official visitors who are not vaccinated or decline to voluntarily disclose their vaccination status and require recurring access to DoD facilities (more than once per week), are required to submit a copy of a negative COVID-19 test weekly.
- (5) Official visitors will conduct COVID-19 testing at their own expense. If an official visitor is unable to show a negative COVID-19 test result, the visitor will be denied access. Official visitors will not be provided onsite self-testing.
- (6) To be considered fully vaccinated, a person must be more than 14 days past receiving the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccination or more than 14 days past receiving a single dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccination.
 - e. Screening testing for unvaccinated SMs and DoD Civilian employees.
- (1) COVID-19 screening testing will be performed at least weekly for unvaccinated SMs and DoD Civilian Employees whose routine place of duty requires access to DoD facilities. Unvaccinated SMs and DoD Civilian employees who

episodically enter DoD facilities to perform duties will provide a negative COVID-19 test result administered not greater than 72 hours prior to accessing a DoD facility.

5. VENUES AND ACTIVITIES.

- a. Some venues may be limited in capacity or availability based on the rate of community transmission or current HPCON level.
- b. Brigade-level commanders are authorized to restrict a portion of their indoor physical fitness spaces to be available for only vaccinated personnel. Commanders can authorize fully vaccinated personnel to conduct physical fitness activities in these spaces without the use of masks as long as they can maintain 6 feet of separation from others.
- c. Warrior Restaurants will open to capacity based on current HPCON status. At times of high community transmission, self-service may be limited or unavailable.
- d. Social gatherings that adhere to CDC guidelines are permitted. All personnel will continue to follow CDC guidelines. Unvaccinated personnel must socially distance and wear masks IAW para. 3a.
- e. Any in person meetings, events, and conferences sponsored by the Army with more than 50 participants will require an Exception to Policy approved by the Under Secretary of the Army. Meetings do not include military training and exercises.
- f. For approved in-person indoor or outdoor meetings, events, and conferences, the organizer will require all non-military attendees to provide a completed DD Form 3150 stating that they are fully vaccinated or have an approved/pending exemption. The meeting organizer will verify the SM's vaccination status in MEDPROS or require the SM to present proof of vaccination. In-person attendees, who are not fully vaccinated, or who decline to provide information about their vaccination status, may not attend. Those individuals with an approved or pending exemption may attend.

6. STANDARDS FOR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION.

a. IAW DOD Force Health Protection Supplement 15 ch1, and DoD Force Health Protection Supplement 18 Revision 1, Commanders and Supervisors will continue to follow prescribed procedures and standards for testing and quarantine of close contacts of a case (as determined by contact tracing). See Appendix M – Quarantine and Isolation Policies for a flow chart explaining the current DoD policies.

b. Quarantine.

(1) Exposures and Contract Tracing

- (a) Personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact with a person who has a laboratory confirmed, clinically diagnosed, or presumptive case will notify their commander or supervisor. Asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact who: (1) are unvaccinated; or (2) have not received a recommended COVID-19 booster dose when eligible will remain out of the workplace for 5 calendar days. Regardless of vaccination status, asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact must wear a mask in the workplace for 10 calendar days from the date of their last close contact, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance.
- (b) In cases of mission-essential activities that must be conducted on site, as determined by those with the authority to provide exceptions as indicated below, asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact, who otherwise would need to remain out of the workplace, may be granted an exception to continue to work on site provided they remain asymptomatic, do not have a positive test for COVID-19, and comply with the following key practices for 5 calendar days after the last exposure:
 - (1) Obtain a COVID-19 test on calendar day 5;
 - (2) Conduct daily pre-screening with temperature checks;
- (3) Wear a mask in the workplace for 10 calendar days after exposure, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance;
 - (4) Practice hand and cough hygiene;
 - (5) Do not share headsets or other objects used near the face;
 - (6) Continue to physically distance as much as possible; and
 - (7) Clean and disinfect their workspaces daily.
- (c) This exception may be granted by the first general/flag officer, member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), or equivalent, in the chain of command/chain of supervision or, for those locations that do not have general/flag officers or SES leaders, by O6 installation commanders. Vaccination status of the individual should be considered in granting an exception, as more risk will be assumed in granting an

exception for an unvaccinated individual. If the individual develops signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the duty period, he/she will be sent home immediately.

c. Isolation.

- (1) Personnel who have signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) will notify their commander or supervisor and stay home (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/201 9-ncov/symptoms testing/symptoms.html). Personnel who develop any signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the workday must immediately distance from other workers, wear a face mask if they are not already wearing one, notify their commander or supervisor, and promptly leave.
- (2) Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, DoD personnel who test positive for COVID-19 will remain out of the workplace for 5 calendar days. Individuals may return to the workplace after 5 calendar days, if either: (1) they have no symptoms; or (2) if they are afebrile for more than 24 hours and any remaining symptoms are resolving. Mask wearing must continue in the workplace for an additional 5 calendar days, even in circumstances in which mask wearing is not required by any other DoD guidance.
- 7. INDIVIDUAL DUTY. Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein. They also have an affirmative duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the State of New York regarding COVID-19 prevention. Violations of the laws and regulations may result in prosecution or adverse administrative action.
- 8. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY. Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions contained in, and comply with the requirements of, this order.
- 9. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS. Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command. Subordinates do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions to its provisions without my authority unless such authority is specifically provided herein.
- 10. PUNITIVE ORDER. The provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 are punitive.
- 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

12. The POC for this order is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 315-772-6371.

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9 Encls

- 1. Appendix B Leave/Pass Approval Flowchart (updated 28SEP2021)
- 2. Appendix C COVID 19 Travel Counseling (updated 01DEC2021)
- 3. Appendix E Movement Authorities (updated 28SEP2021)
- 4. Appendix G School Children Testing Guidelines (updated 28SEP2021)
- 5. Appendix H PCS/TDY Travel Guidelines (updated 16MAR21)
- 6. Appendix I COVID-19 Leader's Guide
- 7. Appendix J Corps Redeployment Flow Chart
- 8. Appendix K FHPG Supplement 20
- 9. Appendix L DD Form 3150 Certification of Vaccination
- 10. Appendix M Quarantine and Isolation Policies